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SUBJ: PORTUGAL AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA SIGN COMMERCIAL ACCORD

REF: LISBON 417, 499, 841 (NOTAL)

1. FIFTH IN SERIES OF COMMERCIAL AGREEMENTS WITH EASTERN BLOC WAS SIGNED WITH CZECHOSLOVAKIA MARCH 1 IN LISBON. THIS FOLLOWS AGREEMENTS WITH SOVIET UNION, HUNGARY, EAST GERMANY, AND BULGARIA. AGREEMENT, SIGNED FOR CZECH GOVERNMENT BY VICE-MINISTER OF EXTERNAL COMMERCE ENG. JAROLAY JUCUBECK, WILL TAKE EFFECT JULY 1.

2. AGREEMENT INCLUDES MUTUAL CONCESSION OF MFN TREATMENT.

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ACCORDING PRESS, REPRESENTATIVES OF VARIOUS CZECH COMPANIES CURRENTLY IN PORTUGAL INTERESTED IN PURCHASING FOOD PRODUCTS

(CANNED SARDINES, WINES), TEXTILES, SHOES, AND OTHERS.
CONCURRENTLY, REPRESENTATIVES OF PORTUGUESE FIRMS ARE IN
CZECHOSLOVAKIA, AND SOME MANUFACTURING AND EXPORTING FIRMS
HAVE PRODUCTS DISPLAYED AT SALIMA INTERNATIONAL FAIR IN BRNO.
POSSIBLE CZECH EXPORTS TO PORTUGAL ARE REPORTEDLY SUGAR,
MEAT, MALT, AND MACHINE TOOLS. FIVE-DAY CATALOG SHOW OF
CZECH MACHINE TOOLS FROM ROMANIA OPENED IN LISBON.

3. COMMENT: THIS IS FIRST PRESS COVERAGE OF TRADE AGREEMENT
WITH EASTERN BLOC THAT DID NOT MENTION POSSIBLE TECHNICAL
COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE.

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